

# THE STATE OF TEXAS



## ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

### *Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the bearer JOHN M. GRAY  
is a PRIVATE (Vol.) in Company "A" Ranger Force, State of Texas, and this  
is his Warrant of Authority as a Ranger, under an Act of the 27th Legislature of the State of  
Texas, approved March 29th, 1901, and Descriptive List for identification, and will be exhibited  
as his authority to act as a Ranger when called upon for his credentials. This warrant must be sur-  
rendered to Company Commander by bearer when discharged. This Warrant of Authority and  
Descriptive List is signed by The Adjutant General under seal of office and attested by Company  
Commander.

Name	<u>JOHN M. GRAY</u>	Rank	<u>PRIVATE</u>
Age	<u>23</u>	Where born	<u>Saginaw, Mich.</u>
Height	<u>5 - 10</u>	Occupation	<u>Garage Owner</u>
Hair	<u>Dark</u>	Enlisted Where	<u>Austin Del Rio Tex</u>
Eyes	<u>Brown</u>	Enlisted When	<u>21 June, 1918</u>
Complexion	<u>Dark</u>	Enlisted by whom	<u>Adjutant General</u>

*De Rio's*

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 24th

day of June, A.D., 1918

Attest:

*James B. Murrah*  
The Adjutant General  
*James B. Murrah*  
Captain Ranger Force  
Commanding Co. A



# Sterling Garage

John M. Gray, Prop.

Buick Automobiles and Accessories. General Repairing

**Firestone**

TIRES, TUBES AND ACCESSORIES

Del Rio, Texas

March 8th. 1919.

Hon. James M. Harley

Adjutant General

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:- It having come to my knowledge that Co. A Cap. Jas. B. Murrah Texas Rangers has been disbanded I herewith attach my commission as a private thereof, thanking you and Cap. Murrah for the confidence bestowed on me in my appointment, and take pleasure in stating that at any time that an emergency arises, I will be pleased to act again.

Yours truly,

29 August, 1918

Captain James B. Murrah,  
Comstock, Texas.

Dear Captain:

Enclosed herewith, commission issued  
in favor of John M. Gray duly signed.

Yours truly,

ADJUTANT GENERAL.

## ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company A Ranger Force, Station Cumstock

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Val Verde

I, John M. Gray, born in Saginaw Mich

in the State of Michigan, aged 53 years and 8 months, and by occupation a

Garage owner — do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1918, as a private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two years,

unless sooner discharged by proper authority. ~~And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such~~

~~bounty, pay, subsistence and other expenses as are or may be established by law.~~ And I do solemnly swear

that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of

the Ranger Force according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the

United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution

of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted

as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I further-

more swear that I have not, directly nor indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor prom-

ised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure my

appointment. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June — A. D. 1918

I certify that John M. Gray, the above named man, has been carefully examined by me

previous to his enlistment, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is physically able, competent to and

will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on him in accordance with law. This man is 33 years

8 months of age. Height 5 feet 10 inches. Complexion Dark Eyes Brown

Hair Dark Born at Saginaw County of Michigan State of Mich —

Occupation Garage owner Married or single married Previous service None

Remarks: This man is one of our old Bandmen

& one of the best men in the County —

OK.

John W. Leonard

Sherriff V. & C.

Captain Co. A Ranger Force.

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# OATH OF MEMBER RANGER FORCE

Name.

J. M. Gay

*Rank.*

*Company.*

## Ranger Force

Station.